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BRUSSELS, MARCH 6-8, 1978

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1. WITH A VIEW TO THE DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT SCHEDULED FOR 1979, THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S
PARTY (EPP) COMPOSED OF 12 CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES
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FROM SEVEN EC COUNTRIES (AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM SIX
OTHER COUNTRIES), MET IN BRUSSELS MARCH 6-8 UNDER THE
PRESIDENCY OF BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER LEO TINDEMANS.
THE PARTIES REPRESENTED WORKED OUT A 22 PAGE JOINT
MANIFESTO WHICH RANGES WIDELY OVER THE PARTIES' COMMON
PHILOSOPHICAL VIEW OF MAN AND THE WORLD, OUTLINES EPP
PLANS FOR A UNITED EUROPE, AND DISCUSSES SPECIFIC POLICY

QUESTIONS SUCH AS THE MIDDLE EAST, THE THIRD WORLD, DETENTE, AND EUROPE'S ENERGY, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND MONETARY POLICIES.

2. ON THE UNITED STATES, THE EPP SAID THE FOLLOWING, IN UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION, IN THE SECTION ENTITLED "OUR ALLIANCES:"

"WE WANT THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND LATER THE EUROPEAN UNION, BE A FULL PARTNER OF THE UNITED STATES, TREATING WITH IT (THE U.S.) ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY IN A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE U.S. ARE CHARACTERIZED BY A BASIC AGREEMENT ON THE VALUE OF LIBERTY AND JUSTICE, BY A LARGE COMMUNITY OF VIEWS ON POLITICAL OBJECTIVES AND BY THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, WHICH IS INDESPENSABLE TO OUR SECURITY AS IT IS TO THE WESTERN WORLD AS A WHOLE."

3. THE COUNTRIES AND PARTIES REPRESENTED AT THE EPP MEETING IN BURSELS WERE: BELGIUM (CVP/PSC); WEST GERMANY (CDU/CSU); FRANCE (CDS); ITALY (DC, SVP); IRELAND (FG); LUXEMBOURG (PCS); NETHERLANDS (ARP, CHU, KVP); MALTA (PN); AUSTRIA (OVP); PORTUGAL (CDS); SAN MARINO (PDCS); SWITZERLAND (CVP); AND SPAIN (EDCEE).

4. FULL TEXT OF THE EPP MANIFESTO (IN FRENCH), A SUMMARY UNCLASSIFIED

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AND A LIST OF INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PROVIDED UNDER COVER OF AN AIRGRAM. CHAMBERS

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